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SUBJECT: ANC EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

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1. BYATT APPEARS MISINFORMED ABOUT ANC EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP. PRESS HERE ON FEB 6 ANNOUNCED THAT HERBERT CHITEPO AND JASON MOYO HAD BEEN NAMED CO-CHAIRMEN OF ANC EXTERNAL ARM. THIS ACTION, WHICH FOLLOWED ANC DECISION TO ESTABLISH EXTERNAL COMMITTEE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMER ZAPU AND ZANU ELEMENTS OUTSIDE RHODESIA, WAS CONFIRMED TO UK HICOM HERE BY ANC VICE PRES GABELLAH ON FEB 8. JAMES CHIKEREMA, WHO FORMERLY REPRESENTED ANC CHAIRMAN MUZOREWA IN LUSAKA, WAS NOT INCLUDED ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEE IN VIEW HIS MEMBERSHIP ON NEW ANC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. ACCORDING ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWAANGA, CHIKEREMA, WHO WAS ONLY MEMBER OF FOUR-MAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LIVING IN EXILE, HAD BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT NOT BEING ALLOWED BACK INTO RHODESIA. SMITH HAS NOW AGREED THAT CHIKEREMA MAY RETURN RHOESIA WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BUT CHIKEREMA IS CONFIDENTIAL

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GETTING COLD FEET ABOUT DOING SO. EX-ZAPU SEC GEN EDWARD

NDLOVU TOLD US FEB 11 CHIKEREMA IN FACT HAS NO FOLLOWING
AT ALL INSIDE SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND ONLY A HANDFUL OUTSIDE.
UK HICOM OFFICER WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING WITH GABELLAH,
HAS IMPRESSION CHIKEREMA IS BEING EASED OUT. ON
THE SURFACE, THIS MAY APPEAR TO BE THE CASE, BUT WE WONDER
WHETHER SITUATION THAT SIMPLE. BOTH GABELLAH AND NDLOVU
ARE ZAPU FACTION LEADER NKOMO'S MEN. CHIKEREMA, A SHONA,
WAS ONCE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT IN BRINGING SHONA SUPPORT
TO NKOMO, MATEBELE, WHICH SUGGESTS OF COURSE HE
DOES INDEED HAVE A FOLLOWING. THOUGH CHIKEREMA AT
MOMENT APPARENTLY NOT PREPARED TO THROW IN AGAIN WITH
NKOMO, WOULD LATTER AGREE THAT CHIKEREMA SHOULD NOW
BE SHUNTED ASIDE? WHATEVER MAY BE HIS STRENGTH AND
SIGNIFICANCE, ONE WOULD THINK JETTISONING CHIKEREMA
AT THIS STAGE WOULD UNDERMINE THE EFFORT TO
PRESERVE THE APPEARANCE OF ANC UNITY CONSTRUCTED
BY THE DECEMBER LUSAKA AGREEMENT WHICH BROUGHT CHIKEREMA
IN AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.
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